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SUBJECT: FY 75 IVP

REF: A. STORING-WEYL TELECON APRIL 7; B. BONN A-516
OF OCTOBER 17, 1974.

1. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN THE POST'S FY 75 IV ACCOUNT (\$13,000) BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT, IN FORM OF A GRANT-IN-AID, A UNIQUE AND SIGNIFICANT PILOT PROJECT INITIATED BY FY 74 IV GRANTEE SEPP GOLBACH (REF. B). IN COOPERATION WITH GEORGIA STATE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR BEN FORTSON, HE HAS MADE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR A GROUP OF FIFTY GERMAN LABOR LEADERS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH US ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES AND THE US SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCENE IN ATLANTA, MONTGOMERY, NEW ORLEANS AND ORLANDO, AUGUST 9 TO 29, 1975. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALL BE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE LAND FEDERATIONS OF LABOR; AT LEAST TWO LAND DGB CHAIRMEN HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE PROJECT. HOME HOSPITALITY FOR THE TEN DAYS THE GROUP EXPECTS TO BE IN ATLANTA IS BEING ARRANGED THROUGH THE AMERICAN HOST PROGRAM.

2. TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT AMOUNTS TO AN ESTIMATED DM 127,000. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO
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CONTRIBUTE IN TOTO DM 57,500 AND THE FRG FONOFF HAS

AGREED TO SUPPORT IT WITH A DM 30,000 GRANT. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE BULK OF THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE AFL-CIO AND/OR OTHER PRIVATE SOURCES HAVE FAILED.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE POLITICAL IMPORT OF THIS PROJECT, IT IS PROPOSED THAT IT BE SUPPORTED OUT OF THE POST'S FY 75 CU ALLOCATION WITH A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000. WITHOUT IT, IT COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS STILL LEAVES A DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY DM 10,000 WHICH GOLBACH EXPECTS TO COVER OUT OF OTHER SOURCES HE IS PRESENTLY TAPPING. IT IS BEING ORGANIZED BY "ARBEIT UND LEBEN," THE GERMAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION ORGANIZATION. GOLBACH IS A MEMBER OF ITS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CHAIRMAN OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. AT HIS SUGGESTION, THE BOARD VOTED LAST FALL TO EXPAND ITS STUDY TOUR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE US, PROVIDED SUFFICIENT FUNDS COULD BE RAISED. HERETOFORE, ARBEIT UND LEBEN HAS SPONSORED TOURS PRIMARILY TO EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO THE UK AND FRANCE.

4. RATHER THAN ISSUE SMALL INDIVIDUAL GRANTS TO THE US PROJECT PARTICIPANTS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPOSED GRANT BE ISSUED IN FORM OF A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL GRANT TO ARBEIT UND LEBEN. IN ADDITION, TO MAKE THE PROJECT TRULY SUCCESSFUL, TWO ESCORT-INTERPRETERS SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO IT. FOR MUCH OF THE TIME THE VISITORS WOULD BE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE FOCUSING ON EDUCATIONAL QUESTIONS, THE OTHER ON SOCIO-POLITICAL

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ISSUES.

5. THE EMBASSY'S LABATT HAS CONSULTED WITH THE AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN ON THIS PROJECT. SINCE THIS TRIP REPRESENTS A MAJOR WORKER EDUCATION PROJECT, BROWN RECOMMENDS CLOSE COORDINATION WITH MR. WALTER G. DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF THE AFL-CIO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF AS WELL AS WITH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS PRESIDENT ALBERT SHANKER. IF POSSIBLE, HE ALSO RECOMMENDS A VISIT TO THE AFL-CIO LABOR STUDY CENTER IN WASHINGTON AND A VISIT TO THE AFL-CIO NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL AND ITS WORKER EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THE LABOR ATTACHE SUGGESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP ON BROWN'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE GROUP WILL HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF AFL-CIO AFFILIATED UNIONS DURING THEIR VISITS TO ATLANTA, MONTGOMERY, NEW ORLEANS, ORLANDO AND NEW YORK.

6. THIS PROJECT HAS THE WHOLEHEARTED ENDORSEMENT OF THE EMBASSY'S LABOR ATTACHE. IF SUCCESSFUL, IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR PROJECTS IN THE US IN FUTURE YEARS BUT THAT THESE WILL BE SUPPORTED OUT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, SUCH AS THE MCCLOY FUND. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT
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(NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, PROPOSED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, ETC.) WILL BE PROVIDED AS IT IS BEING DEVELOPED BY GOLBACH IN COOPERATION WITH HIS CONTACTS IN ATLANTA. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED TO GOLBACH THAT HE KEEP THE AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED ON HIS CONTACTS IN ATLANTA.
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